

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-7, and 10-16 are pending.

The indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1, 5-7, and 10-15 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 5-7, 11, 12, 14, and 15 have been amended to recite comprising language. Claim 16 has been amended to conform to language similar to indicated-allowable claim 1. Support for the claimed subject matter is believed to be found at at least page 2, lines 9-17, page 17, line 1 through page 18, line 7, and FIG. 10 of the instant specification.

Amended claim 16 is patentable over *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,104,604)

The rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over *Anderson* is believed overcome in view of the foregoing amendments.

Amended claim 16 recites “circuitry, on said second module, for coupling the first and second user function signals to the computer” which is not believed to be disclosed in *Anderson*. Further, amended claim 16 is believed to correspond to the Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance with respect to claim 1, i.e., the circuitry for coupling the first and second user function signals to the computer is on the second module for producing a specialized set of user function signals.

Based on the foregoing, amended claim 16 is believed to be patentable over *Anderson* and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

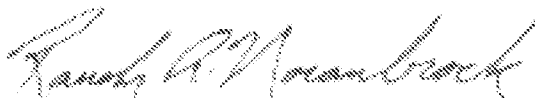
Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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